

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a first computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes a computer to perform a method of generating a partial procedure summary of a procedure of multithreaded software, wherein the procedure performs a plurality of actions when executed, the method comprising:

performing a reachability analysis of at least a portion of the multithreaded software;
when the procedure is reached during the reachability analysis,

1) identifying a plurality of the actions as atomically modelable with respect to multithreaded execution of the procedure as atomically modelable actions; and

2) generating the partial procedure summary of the procedure from the plurality of the ~~actions~~ atomically modelable actions ~~with respect to multithreaded execution of the multithreaded software~~, wherein the partial procedure summary comprises at least one state pair, wherein the at least one state pair models an initial state and a resulting state of an atomically modelable action ~~execution~~ for the procedure; and
the reachability analysis consulting the partial procedure summary to continue the reachability analysis, and ~~wherein the partial procedure summary of the procedure of multithreaded software is embodied on a second computer readable medium.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, the method further comprising:

modeling execution of the software ~~via~~ such that the state pair that comprises the partial procedure summary is executed rather than the atomically modelable actions.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, the method further comprising:

during modeling, comparing an indicated state invariant with a modeled state; and responsive to determining the modeled state fails the indicated state invariant, ~~wherein determining the modeled state fails the indicated state invariant comprises determining that a condition is false for at least one execution path,~~ indicating that a programming flaw is present in the software; wherein determining the modeled state fails the indicated state invariant comprises determining that a condition is false for at least one execution path.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, ~~wherein the at least one state pair comprises an initial state and a resulting state,~~ wherein the resulting state comprises at least one of a plurality of possible states of the multithreaded software after execution of the modeled procedure, the method further comprising:

storing an initial program counter location within the modeled procedure for the initial state;

storing a resulting program counter location within the modeled procedure for the resulting state; and

associating the initial program counter location within the modeled procedure and the resulting program counter location within the modeled procedure with the partial procedure summary.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, ~~the method further comprising:~~

~~performing a reachability analysis of the software; and~~
wherein the reachability analysis consulting a procedure summary comprising the partial procedure summary when the procedure is encountered during the reachability analysis, wherein the consulting further comprises determining possible execution paths within the procedure and using the procedure summary to explore possible states.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying a transaction boundary within the actions.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying at least one of the plurality of actions as movable later in time with respect to actions executed by other threads without affecting a resulting end state.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying a sequence of actions having zero or more right movers followed by an atomic action followed by zero or more left movers.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the plurality of actions atomically modelable with respect to multithreaded execution of the software is a subset of the plurality of actions of the procedure, the subset comprising less than all of the plurality of actions of the procedure.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a first computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes a computer to perform a method of modeling multithreaded software, the method comprising:

performing a reachability analysis of the multithreaded software;

during the reachability analysis, reaching a procedure;

analyzing actions of the multithreaded software within the procedure such that actions that can be executable atomically are determined, ~~wherein the analyzing comprises checking the modeled multithreaded software for programming flaws;~~ and

based on the analyzing, generating a plurality of procedure summaries for the multithreaded software, the plurality of procedure summaries comprising respective start and end actions for the determined actions executable atomically ~~wherein the plurality of procedure summaries for the multithreaded software is embodied on a second computer-readable medium;~~ and

during the reachability analysis, again reaching the procedure and reusing the plurality of procedure summaries to determine actions executable atomically;

wherein the procedure summaries comprises a plurality of modeled states of the multithreaded software for multithreaded execution of the multithreaded software.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein at least one of the procedure summaries comprises at least two or more partial procedure summaries summarizing a procedure.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein at least one of the procedure summaries comprises at least one partial procedure summary for a procedure, wherein the partial procedure summary summarizes less than all of the procedure.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the analyzing comprises:

identifying a series of transactions within the multithreaded software; and
modeling the transactions via partial procedure summaries.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product embodied on a first computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes a computer-~~
implemented ~~to implement~~ a system for modeling multithreaded software, the system comprising:

a model checker operable to analyze a model of the multithreaded software via checking the model of the multithreaded software for programming flaws, the model checker comprising:

the model of the multithreaded software,

wherein the model comprises:

a plurality of procedure summaries modeling states of the multithreaded software during multithreaded execution of the multithreaded software, the

procedure summaries comprising the start and end states of sets of actions
atomically modelable with respect to multithreaded execution of the software; and
a reachability analyzer operable to employ the procedure summaries
instead of the sets of actions to generate modeled states of the software
~~wherein the model of the multithreaded software is embodied on a second~~
~~computer readable medium.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented system ~~program product~~ of claim 15 wherein at least one of the procedure summaries comprises a procedure summary summarizing actions deemed to have occurred one after another without interruption.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented system ~~program product~~ of claim 47 16 wherein the system is operable to detect programming flaws via comparing an indicated state invariant with the modeled states.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the at least one state pair comprises an initial state of the procedure and at least one of a plurality of possible states of the multithreaded software after execution of the modeled procedure.

22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the resulting state is prior to the initial state.

24. (New) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the partial procedure summary of the procedure of multithreaded software is embodied on a second computer readable medium.